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In the revised claims:

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1 -- 7. An apparatus for shrinking a foil wrapped about a
2 stack of objects and projecting vertically past an end of the
3 stack, the apparatus comprising:

a frame extending vertically adjacent the stack;

means including a heater vertically displaceable on the end directed at the wrapped stack for shrinking the foil out;

a nozzle centered vertically on the stack and having an

9 0 annular array of outlets directed generally vertically and out-
10 0 wardly at the end of the stack; and

means for supplying a gas under pressure to the nozzle
venting respective jets of the gas from the openings at the
end past the end for erecting the foil extending past

8. The foil-shrinking apparatus defined in claim 7

2 wherein the nozzle has an annular face extending at an acute angle
3 the end face and formed with the outlets.

9. The foil-shrinking apparatus defined in claim 7

2 wherein the face and outlets extend at an angle of about 45° to a
3 vertical centerline of the stack.

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1 10. The foil-shrinking apparatus defined in claim 7,
2 further comprising
3 means for vertically moving the nozzle toward and away
4 from the stack.

1 11. The foil-shrinking apparatus defined in claim 7
2 wherein the end is the upper end and the stack has a lower end past
3 which the foil also extends, the apparatus further comprising:
4 a second such nozzle connected to the means and directed
5 at the lower end for erecting the foil extending therewith.

1 12. The foil-shrinking apparatus defined in claim 7,
2 further comprising:
3 means for pressing the foil against the stack as the foil
4 is shrunk around the stack.

1 13. The foil-shrinking apparatus defined in claim 12,
2 further comprising
3 means including a lift table for raising the pressing
4 means.

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